

No 12 Long Wharf -
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My Dear - Emerson -

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Do allow me to send you "a hand
ful of Meal", (would that God would ~~would~~ ^{multiply} it as of old,)
in the shape of a half barrel of super excellent
Flour - We, that is my Sarah and myself, do owe
you what flour nor gold can purchase - And
our gift is not worth your acceptance - but
you will not, I trust, measure the hearts of the
givers by the gift - Let it be only a token
of the love of

Your devoted friends -

Park & Sarah H. Pillsbury

P.S. Has'nt God heard my prayer to multiply
the Meal - ? For my most ^{friend Mr. Cooke} excellent ~~friend~~
proposes to send the barrel full - Good -
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Dear P. — There is no one to whom I can more
freely unbosom myself, in any extremity, than yourself; and
therefore I confidently submit my case to your ~~good~~ ^{kind} judgment.

On the first of this month, I find that I owe for
the necessaries of life, ~~during~~ during the past year, above what
I have a dollar to pay with, something over two ~~dollars~~ hundred
dollars, — the bills running as follows, that remain unsettled: —
(In.)

This deficit, it is just to state, is not all
to be put down to the past year, but ~~a~~ a portion ~~is~~ to
belong to a previous year, — as each quarter, during that
entire period, has ~~involved~~ entrenched upon the receipts of
~~the~~ the next, to meet unavoidable expenditures. Various
circumstances, during the last 3 yrs. — ~~and~~ sickness in the
family, ~~incidental~~ ^{the purchase of a large barrel of} expenses arising from the visit of our beloved
G. J., ~~the purchase of a large barrel of~~ — have served to make the sum total of in-
debtedness greater than it would have been ordinarily.

I need not protest to you, my dear Phil-
lips, that I have not thoughtlessly or needlessly got thus
straitened. If my conscience is lively in any direction,
it is in regard to the use of money, especially ~~so~~ while I
occupy a dependant position. I am ^{neither} ~~an~~ spendthrift nor im-
provident, but careful and scrupulous, and even anxious to keep
out of debt. But, in spite of my best efforts in this respect, (seconded
faithfully by dear Helen, whose dread of debt is of the strongest kind, and
to whose economy in regard to personal expenditures & household af-
fairs, I too can bear grateful testimony,) at the beginning of this year
I find myself, pecuniarily, just as I have stated above. My

family is large, & with increasing ^{age} years the children ^{unavoidably} augment the burden of support. My connection with the A.S. cause is such as to increase my family expenses, ^{-i.e.} to exhibit any thing like hospitality; though I endeavor to keep the number entertained at my table as much reduced as I can with civility; ^{still the average is large} ~~Upon~~ Upon myself, my expenditures are small - ~~I determine~~ for personal fancy or gratification, nothing. Every thing is absorbed in "bread & butter," rent & fuel, and necessary clothing. But these details ^{like these} are not needed. beg you to misplace confidence or remove doubt, and I will not multiply them.

In addition to my usual salary, I have received something for lecturing services; but with this incidental aid, I am still embarrassed.

Before the past year terminated ^{foreseeing} how I was coming out, my mind was greatly exercised as to how Providence might open way for me to meet my ^{pecuniary} ~~family~~ ~~respons~~ liabilities.

My deep indebtedness to you, and a few other beloved friends; on ^{various} ~~one many~~ occasions, made me sick at heart to think of increasing it by any statement of my real situation that might lead to further assistance; especially when you all have so many calls upon your charity, and in the A.S. cause in particular, to relieve suffering humanity in general.

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Mr Lloyd Garrison
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Boston

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Milk, 9"30
Horn's, 37"50
Hovey, 6"56
Kingbury, 46"86
Joy's, 15"97
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Grist, 26"00
Curtis, 15"00
Miss Barnum, 20"00
Wallace, 5"00

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